



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in California

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is issuing this notice to announce actions taken by Caltrans that are final. The actions relate to a proposed highway project, the Santa Maria River Bridge Replacement Project on State Route 1 at postmile 0.0, in San Luis Obispo County, and north of the City of Guadalupe, in Santa Barbara County, State of California. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. §139(f)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before [Insert date 150 days after publication in the Federal Register]. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Caltrans: Matt Fowler, Branch Chief, Central Region Environmental, Caltrans District 5, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, 805-542-4603, matt.c.fowler@dot.ca.gov, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. PDT. For FHWA: David Tedrick at (916) 498-5024 or email david.tedrick@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 1, 2007, the FHWA

assigned, and Caltrans assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that the Caltrans, have taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of California:

Santa Maria River Bridge Replacement Project on State Route 1 at postmile 0.0, in the San Luis Obispo County, and north of the City of Guadalupe, Santa Barbara County. Caltrans proposes to replace the existing Santa Maria River Bridge with a new bridge structure. The replacement of the existing bridge is necessary to remove all traces of alkali-silica reactions present in the concrete components of the existing bridge. The presence of alkali-silica reaction progressively compromises the structural integrity of concrete components. The project will involve construction of a new bridge structure, roadway repaving, guardrail improvements, new pedestrian and bicycle path, vegetation removal and habitat restoration within existing Caltrans right-of-way. Temporary construction easements and permanent new State right-of-way are required for completion of the project. Federal EFIS ID 05-160000074.

The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) with Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project, approved on December 9, 2020 and in other documents in Caltrans' project records. The FEA, FONSI and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans at the addresses provided above. This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 USC 4321-4335]

2. The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 [16 USC 470(f) et seq]
3. Native American Grave protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 USC 30001-3013]
4. Clean Water Act [33USC 1344]
5. Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) [16 USC 1531-1543]
6. Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 USC 760c-760g]
7. Invasive Species Executive Order 11988
8. Farmland Protection Policy Act, 7 U.S. Code 4201-4209

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. §139(l)(1).

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